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STUDENT WINS NATIONAL AWARD



Dena Bunnel becomes K-State's 31st Truman scholar. Learn more about Bunnel, Page 12.

WEATHER

TODAY	TUESDAY
High 60 Low 33	High 49 Low 26

THE EDGE

For coverage of the local band McCoy, Page 7.



African issues take spotlight

By Rico van Buskirk
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Top researchers from around the world will gather this week at K-State for the African Issues Symposium. Research on topics relating to food security, environmental sustainability and human health will be presented.

Sponsored by the African Studies Center and the Institute for Grassland Research, the symposium will feature keynote presentations by researchers from the U.S., Great Britain, Tanzania, France, Finland and Italy as well as members of the K-State faculty.

Speakers include experts in economics, political science, ecology, anthropology and nutrition.

Among the presenters is Jon Lovett, director of the Centre for Ecology, Law and Policy at the University of York in England and professor of sustainable development at the University of Twente in the Netherlands. Also scheduled to present is Monty P. Jones, 2004 recipient of the World Food Prize for his breakthrough work in creating a variety of rice harvestable in agricultural conditions found in Africa.

"We'll not only look at the challenges and problems but also at the things that have been done in the past that have worked," said David Hartnett, university distinguished professor of biology and symposium organizer.

In examining inhibitors to African development, Hartnett said the discussion of the issues could not be confined to one discipline.

"An important question we have to remember is, 'How can we approach [the issues] holistically?'" he said. "The interconnectedness of these fields is important."

Hartnett said exploring possible solutions to problems in African development is an important aspect of the symposium.

The variety and complexity of problems in Africa is such that the understanding of its problems requires multi-discipline approaches, he said. The symposium will encourage future collaborative research by bringing together researchers in different fields to discuss their work and future solutions.

Speakers will present research today through Wednesday at the K-State Alumni Center. The symposium will culminate Wednesday in a panel discussion. The panel will provide an opportunity for the researchers to discuss their opinions about the findings presented throughout the symposium.

The most tangible result of the symposium will be the publication of a book. Each of the keynote speakers will compose a chapter discussing their synthesis of the symposium. Additionally, leading researchers who are unable to attend this week will also contribute to the publication.



Lovett

Disappearing students



Photo illustration by Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN

Spring decline follows enrollment trends

By Jason Miller
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Enrollment for the spring semester is down compared to the fall, but K-State officials said it has little to do with the economy, pointing instead to a variety of recurring factors that contribute to enrollment decreases each spring.

On average over the last three years, enrollment in the spring semesters has been approximately 2,500 less than the fall before. The fall 2008 to spring 2009 transition saw a drop of 2,366 students. K-State Media Relations reported that more than 1,300 of those stu-

dents were candidates for degrees from K-State in December.

While some students graduate after the fall semester, this does not totally account for decreased spring enrollment. More than 1,000 students who did not return for spring semester add to the statistics of college dropouts.

"I think there are a lot of reasons [students drop out]; as an adviser, I see everything, from 'My parents can't help me, and I can't afford it' to a total lack of preparation for what college life actually is," said Jessica Bigger, academic adviser for journalism and mass communica-

cation.

FINANCIAL TROUBLES

Some students must drop out because the cost of tuition and living expenses is too high, while some have to deal with unexpected family crises.

Larry Moeder, director of undergraduate admissions and student financial assistance, noted while finances do not account for many students who leave school, there has been a rise in attempts to access financial aid.

"We have seen a 40-percent raise in financial aid applications since last year," Moeder said. "Some [students] are filing out

Enrollment numbers 2004-09

Fall	Spring
23,151	21,093
23,182	21,044
23,141	20,747
23,332	21,008
23,520	21,154

— K-State Registrar's Office

of fear of what the economy will do, but others have experienced a loss in savings or job loss and

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Winter storm takes 2 lives



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN
A tractor sits idle next to a half-frozen pond west of Manhattan on Saturday after the snowstorm that paralyzed most of Kansas made its way to Riley County.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Tens of thousands of Kansas utility customers were without power Saturday and two deaths were reported as an early spring blizzard buried parts of Kansas in snow and ice.

Reno County Sheriff Randy Henderson told the Hutchinson News that an Arlington man called for paramedics Saturday after experiencing chest pains while

shoveling snow. Nearly impassable roads slowed emergency responders, and the man died waiting for help, Henderson said. The adjutant general's office said the man was 72.

On Friday, a 58-year-old woman was killed in a car accident on icy roadways in Marion County.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with

See STORM, Page 8

CHARITY

Bachelor auction raises \$3,500

By Karen Ingram
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Snow and ice did not deter people from coming to the KatHouse Lounge in Aggierville on Friday night for the second-annual bachelor auction to benefit the children of Sunflower CASA.

Court Appointed Special Advocates, or CASA, is an organization that provides volunteers to work with children who are going through the court system. The organization strives to ensure court orders are being followed and that a child's needs are being met. Many of the children are victims of abuse who need special care.

The men raised about \$3,500 for Sunflower CASA in the bachelor auction alone.

The bar was packed with eager women wanting a date with one of 10 bachelors, who ranged in age from 21 to 31. The men varied greatly in personality and occupation, including a chef, a cowboy, a guitarist and a Black Hawk helicopter pilot. Other items were auctioned off, including Country Stampede tickets, and a raffle drawing was held for several more prizes, including concert tickets for Nine Inch Nails and Jane's Addiction.

Cory Dean, employee at KMFK-FM 101.5, played the part of auctioneer. Each of the bachelors had starting bids of \$100. A few of them got into the spirit of things by taking their shirts off and dancing, drawing screams of approval. Dean encouraged the men to undo their shirts one button at a time, telling the crowd they had to up the bids to see more.

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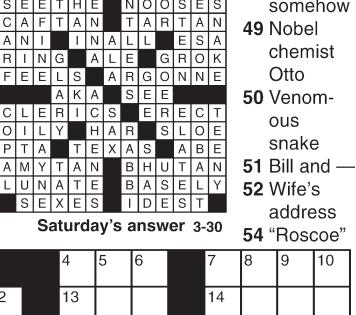
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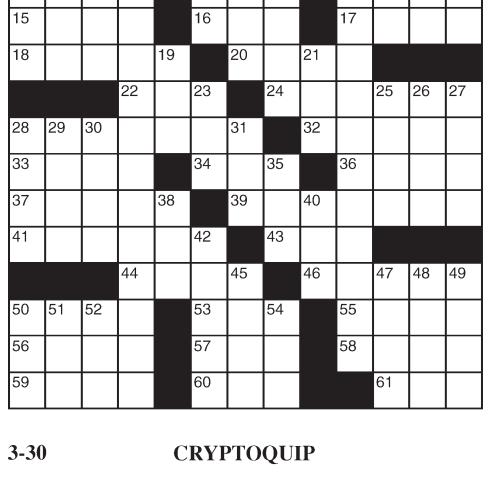
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4 Recede	44 Unstable particle	2 Took the bus	25 False idol
7 Note to self, e.g.	46 Brandy flavor	3 Vicinity	26 Church section
11 Co-ed quarters	50 Pinnacle	4 Have breakfast	27 Antelope's playmate
13 Stout cousin?	53 Cranberry territory	5 Online journal	28 Fail to hit
14 Verve	55 Old	6 Start	29 Rue the run
15 Concept	56 Angry	7 Tim Russert's longtime show	30 Rivers or Collins
16 Dress (in)	57 Greek mountain	8 Right angle	31 "Of course"
17 Otherwise	58 Former frosh	9 More, to	35 Ashen
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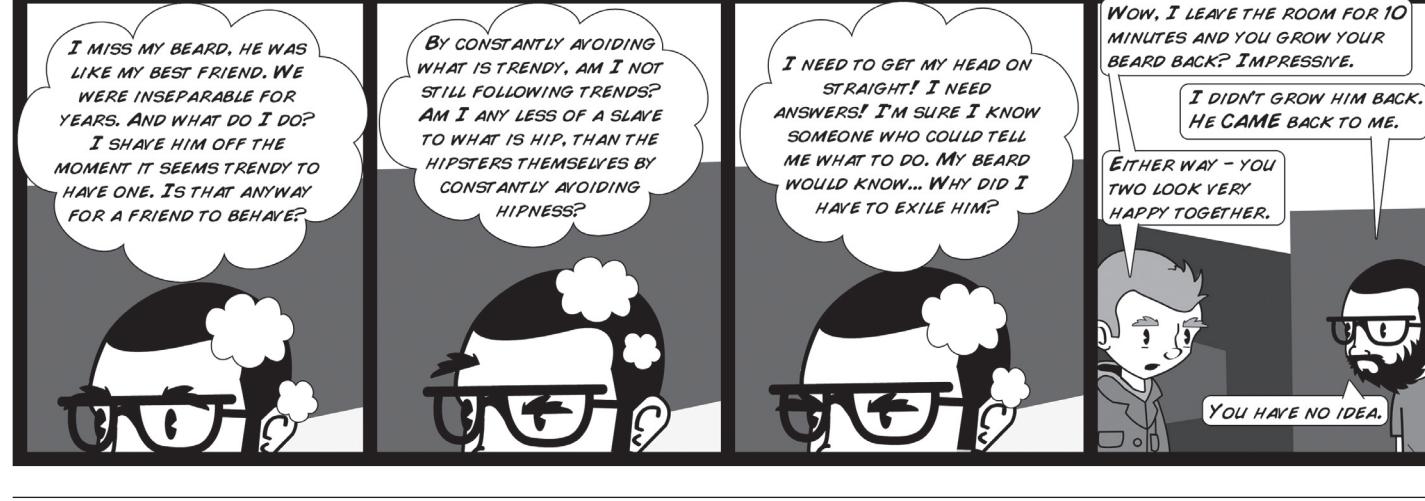


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**THE PLANNER**

CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Paula Ford at 9 a.m. today in Justin 128. The thesis topic is "The Local Food Environment and its Association with Obesity Among Low-Income Women Across the Urban-Rural Continuum in Kansas."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Michael Weltz at 10:30 a.m. today in Blumenthal 368. The thesis topic is "A Study of Community College Presidential Qualifications and Career Paths."

In celebration of Women's History Month, the Women's Studies Program is honored to present Kimberly Wiggins for a lecture entitled "Women, Domestic Violence and Immigration: A Legal Perspective" at 3:30 p.m. today in K-State Student Union Room 212.

The Outdoor Rental Center at Peters Recreation Complex will reopen today for the spring and summer rental season. Available items include tents, canoes, kayaks and camping equipment. For more information, go to www.recservices.k-state.edu or call Travis at 785-532-0455.

Recreational Services is seeking indoor soccer officials. Starting pay is \$7.50 per hour. The training clinic will be at 5 p.m. today and Tuesday. To qualify, attend both sessions at Peters Recreation Complex. Officials must be

K-State students and enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours. For more information, contact Armando Espinoza at 785-532-6980.

A captains/managers meeting for indoor soccer will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Peters Recreation Complex. Play schedules will be issued at this meeting. Teams not represented at this meeting will be put on probation, and one forfeit — for any reason — will drop the team from the remainder of the schedule.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Trinity Davis at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in Blumenthal 257. The thesis topic is "The Reading Achievement of Kansas Urban African-American Fifth Graders Before and During No Child Left Behind."

Rec Services is offering K-State students, faculty and staff an opportunity to try the High Ropes Challenge at the K-State Challenge Course from 4 p.m. until dusk Thursday. Sign up in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex before 6 p.m. Wednesday. The cost is \$8 for students and \$12 for faculty/staff. For more information, call Travis Redeker at 785-532-0455.

The Sexual Health Awareness Peer Educators Program is looking for members. Earn 3 credit hours, gain leadership experience, improve your public-speaking skills

and inform your peers about being safer. Print off and complete an application from www.k-state.edu/lafene/shape. Applications are now being accepted for fall 2009. The application due date is Friday. Please deliver your application to Lafene 268 or attach it to an e-mail and send it to shape@ksu.edu.

The College of Veterinary Medicine Class of 2010 is sponsoring the 14th Annual Dog-n-Jog benefiting KSOS Inc. on Saturday. There will be 10K and 5K road races, a 1.5K family fun run and lots of prizes. Registration is \$20. Dogs are not required to participate. For more information, go to www.vet.ksu.edu/events/dognjog.

SHAC positions are available now. The Student Health Advisory Committee is now accepting applications for fall 2009. Applications are available at the Office of Student Activities and Services in the K-State Student Union or Lafene 266 or can be printed from www.k-state.edu/lafene/shac/involved.htm. The deadline is 5 p.m. April 10. Submit applications to the SHAC mailbox in OSAS.

The Planner is the Collegian's bulletin board service. To place an item in the Planner, stop by Kedzie 116 and fill out a form or e-mail news editor Ann Conrad at news@spub.ksu.edu by 11 a.m. two days before it is to run. Some items might not appear because of space constraints but are guaranteed to appear on the day of the activity.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY ...**PRESIDENT REAGAN SHOT**

On March 30, 1981, President Ronald Reagan was shot in the chest outside a Washington, D.C., hotel by a deranged drifter named John Hinckley Jr.

The president had just finished addressing a labor meeting at the Washington Hilton Hotel and was walking with his entourage to his limousine when Hinckley, standing among a group of reporters, fired six shots at the president, hitting Reagan and three of his attendants.

White House Press Secretary James Brady was shot in the head and critically wounded, Secret Service agent Timothy McCarthy was shot in the side, and D.C. police-man Thomas Delahaney was shot in the neck.

After firing the shots, Hinckley was overpowered, and Reagan, apparently unaware that he had been shot, was shoved into his limousine by a Secret Service agent and rushed to the hospital.

The president was shot in the left lung, and the .22 caliber bullet just missed his heart. The 70-year-old with a collapsed lung walked into George Washington University Hospital under his own power. As he was treated and prepared for surgery, he quipped to his wife, Nancy, "Honey, I forgot to duck," and to his surgeons, "Please tell me you're Republicans." Reagan's surgery lasted two hours, and he was listed in stable and good condition afterward.

The next day, the president resumed some of his executive duties and signed a piece of legislation from his hospital bed.



[—history.com](http://history.com)

Also during this week in history:

1513: Ponce de Leon discovers Florida
 1700: April Fools tradition popularized
 1860: Pony Express debuts
 1870: 15th Amendment adopted
 1974: Series of deadly twisters hits U.S. heartland

1987: Congress allows higher speeds
 1995: Longest strike in Major League Baseball history ends
 1996: Unabomber arrested
 2005: Pope John Paul II dies

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, call news editor Ann Conrad at 785-532-6556 or e-mail news@spub.ksu.edu.

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Art department honors dean, students at banquet

By Tim Schrag
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State's art department honored Stephen White, outgoing dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and handed out 35 scholarships Sunday night at the department's scholarship banquet.

Gerry Craig, associate professor of art and head of the department, served as the evening's master of ceremonies.

"We are very pleased to have generous donors to provide scholarship assistance to our students and support of the dean's office for the needs of the Department of Art, which is why we are honoring Dr. Stephen White as our art patron this evening," Craig said.

White was named the art department's Honored Patron. Elliott Pujol, professor of art, presented Craig with a T-shirt designed by the business matrix class, an upper-level graphic design class, on behalf of the department, and a specially made map of Kansas from 1941 that was signed by the department faculty to show their appreciation.

"I'm very, very honored to receive the Honored Patron Award from the De-

partment of Art," White said. "I feel very privileged to have the opportunity to work with colleagues in the Department of Art."

"The art department has an outstanding faculty and they have recruited outstanding students."

Monica Bergkamp, academic adviser for the department, said she was excited to have so many students recognized with scholarships.

The banquet, which Bergkamp organized, took place at the K-State Alumni Center and was catered by Coco Bolo's.

The evening began about 5:15 p.m. with a social hour followed by a dinner, the awards program and presentation.

"I have an amazing student body that I would compare against any department on campus," Bergkamp said. "Having the opportunity to honor those who go above and beyond in their studios is awesome."

The art department also has an undergraduate exhibit at the Commerce Bank branch at 727 Poynz Ave., which runs until April 10.

Commerce Bank is one of the scholarship sponsors for the art department.



Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN
Stephen White, outgoing dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, is presented the new art department T-shirt by Elliot Pujol, professor of art, at the department's scholarship banquet Sunday.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student responds to article with suggestions for budget cuts

Friday, the Collegian informed students of the budget cuts we knew were imminent.

Bruce Shubert, vice president of administration and finance, quoted in the article on the budget cuts, threatened that these cuts would force tuition increases on students. He went on to state "it is important to ... make ... K-State affordable." A laughable, yet infuriating statement.

Here's a gut check. Current tuition is \$198.47 per credit hour, just for

in-state undergraduates. In 2000, tuition here was \$69.65 per credit hour. That's a 185-percent increase in less than a decade.

This school was affordable, but not so anymore. A student would have to work about 20 hours at minimum wage to make up the difference in this increase. This means students would need to add about 20 hours every week per semester just to afford the increases.

Where does this money go? Better instruction? Hardly. Instruction expens-

es have only increased from \$140 million a year to about \$190 million a year in that same time period. That is about a 50-percent increase. So where does our added tuition go? Comparisons of budgets suggest research. From 2000 to 2008, research expenses have increased from about \$25 million a year to \$130 million a year. Why don't we cut these costs, Mr. Shubert?

Daniel Maslen
SOPHOMORE
IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Budget story implies making budget cuts is simple task

I am writing in regard to the story on the front page of the Friday Collegian that quoted, in part, a press release by Bruce Shubert, vice president for administration and finance.

I believe a misimpression of what Vice President Shubert actually said was created at the end of that paragraph: "... the university is prepared to meet the 7-percent cuts but further cuts will not be as easy."

Shubert never said that achieving a 7-percent cut would be easy — the re-

porter who wrote this story did.

Trust me, as one responsible for finances in my college, a cut of any amount these days is not easy to achieve.

While we all realize we must do our part given the state's economy, budget cuts mean fewer people doing more work, the inability to retain and recruit the best and brightest faculty, leaking roofs don't get repaired, dirty floors don't get swept, courses are offered less frequently, stu-

dents get less individualized attention from faculty, etc. The list goes on and on.

In the future, I would encourage the media, especially our local media, to be more careful with word choice so as to not create the mistaken impression that K-State can handle budget cuts — of any amount — easily.

Diane M. Potts
ASSISTANT TO THE DEAN
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Ag Fest Schedule

The College of Agriculture's annual Ag Fest begins this week. All events are open to the public.

Today **Tuesday** **Wednesday** **Thursday** **Friday**

Speaker Night: a panel discussion about animal welfare with:

* Dan Thomson, K-State College of Veterinary Medicine

* Daren Williams, National Cattlemen's Beef Association

* Christa Irwin, Iowa State University

7 p.m., Forum Hall in the K-State Student Union

Kiddie Barn Yard

9 a.m., Weber

Cowboy Olympics

7 p.m., Weber Arena

Free lunch sponsored by Alpha Gamma Rho and FarmHouse

11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Weber Lawn

In the event of rain, the

lunch will be in Weber

Arena.

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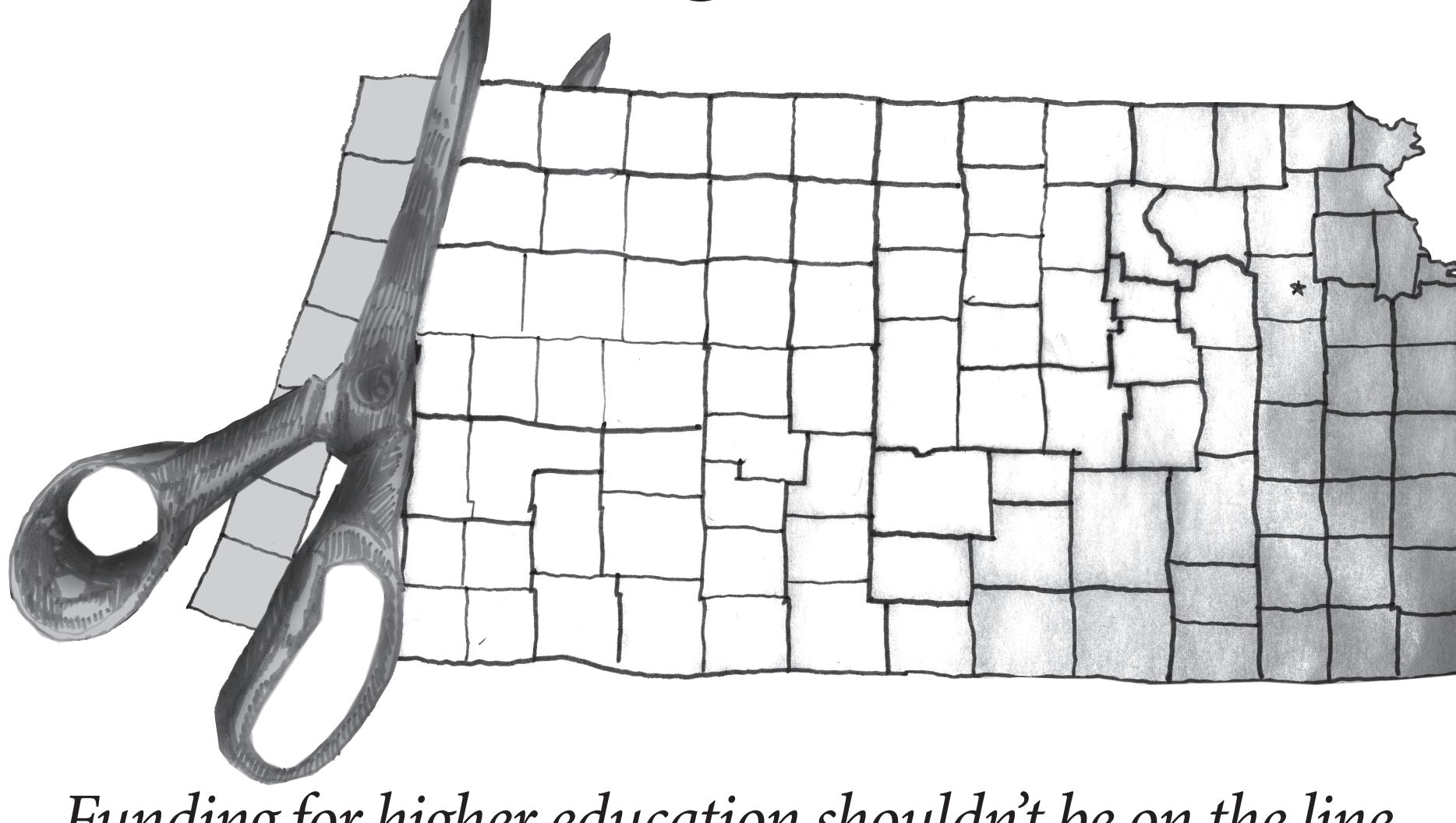
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Cutting corners



Funding for higher education shouldn't be on the line



JENENE HEAVEY

Count your lucky stars that Kansas legislators squeezed 8 percent off K-State's 2009-10 budget, rather than the proposed 13 percent suggested by the Senate Budget Committee on Thursday.

Still, don't lessen that possessive grip on your wallet yet — it's not all good news. For Kansas to meet federal eligibility requirements to receive the \$1.75 billion stimulus package, senators and representatives have recently changed their tune and are

offering more to higher education than they were four days ago.

"It's actually a pretty serious issue," said Sen. Laura Kelly, D-Topeka, and one of the negotiators, in a Kansas City Star article Thursday. "Our ability to draw down the stimulus funds depends on us getting it right."

Everyone knows the economy is in trouble. Back-peddling from a 13- to an 8-percent decrease in funding to qualify for bailout money is outrageous. Kansas leadership has made clear what will go first if more cuts are necessary, and higher education is at the top of the list.

Stimulus money and what it is used for are separate problems. There have been rumors of stimulus money being allotted for the construction of roundabouts on highways and a trail through neighboring Pottawatomie County.

It's an outrage that our tax money is double-dipped, taking away from colleges and making students pay for bailouts. With millions less to spend in our interest, K-State will lose classes and programs, and tuition will be higher. (Imagine a 13-per-

cent decrease — or \$24 million less.) Revamping the economy is a great idea, but maintaining higher education through that revisioning is crucial.

K-State Media Relations suggested we take action, so I did. I sent e-mails to all Kansas senators, detailing my concerns and asking them to consider the implications of the sacrifices institutions like K-State would have to make, focusing on the bottom line: We can't afford a recession in higher education.

It is essential we follow through and contact our representatives at www.kslegislature.org. The only power we have is to tell the leaders of Kansas how important state funding is.

If cuts continue, the value of higher education will be minimized and our college graduates won't be exposed to the intellectual challenges and activities that are the heart of a college education.

Jenene Heavey is a junior in nursing. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

Obama's plans not socialist, just in country's best interest



DREW MORRIS

Calling President Barack Obama's strategy for saving our economy "socialist" is absolutely ridiculous. These accusations falsely trigger fear in people's minds that American capitalism is dying.

This is not Obama's intention, and we should support his attempts to salvage our economy and way of life — not carelessly call him a socialist leader.

Americans on both sides of the bi-partisan line don't want extreme govern-

ment interference with the economy, but we wouldn't need government intervention if our current policy of uncontrolled greed hadn't collapsed.

Obama isn't suggesting the government should control and distribute businesses' products but instead wants to supply public goods and infrastructure to the American people.

He's rebuilding America from the ground up — which most major corporations haven't been investing in because they were too busy running the economy into the ground.

To preserve our way of life and to reignite our economy, Obama has created a strategy to jump-start certain industries with the help of the government tab.

We are in this situation, Obama said, because "politicians spent taxpayer money without wisdom or discipline and too often focused on scoring political points instead of the problems they were sent here to solve."

He's taking the money taxpayers entrusted him with to fix the credit crisis and make sure it doesn't happen again. People who label his concern for our way of life "socialist" are embarrassing in their ignorance.

To socialize our banking system, the changes would have to be permanent and complete. Obama's plan doesn't call for long-term nationalization, claims Bill Wharton, editor of The Socialist magazine. Instead, Wharton says the Treasury Secretary and his team "favor costly, temporary measures that can easily be dismantled should the economy stabilize." The solution for the current administration is temporary, not long-term like many Republicans are shouting. Even socialists reject Obama as being one of their own.

Obama's proposed health care policies lack the luster of the Socialist Party. Instead of creating a national health care policy controlled by the government, the administration is keeping

much of the current system the same. The plan will make insurance companies cover people with pre-existing conditions so people who are sick can still have insurance.

This might seem counter-intuitive in the business sense — these companies might lose money insuring people who are already sick — but in this situation, we have to stop worrying about money and start thinking of our people's welfare.

I agree that socialism is not right for our country, but I do not agree that unrestrained capitalism is the best thing for our country, either. We've seen what capitalism that goes unchecked can do to our economy, and we need to compromise. Let's take responsibility for our actions and stop the name-calling.

Drew Morris is a senior in English. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

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You can call me sacky-pants.

To the girl at the ID Center: You're cute. Would you mind if I lost my ID a few more times?

Gamma Rho Lambda is now our favorite sorority.

I think that one guy that goes around in front of the Union was dying pink Easter eggs.

To the group of girls walking around campus in the white v-necks: We think you're hot.

Who wears white v-necks? So last season.

Thank you for returning my black hoodie. I appreciate it, and I love you.

Everybody needs to YouTube "creepy tap-dancer."

Pickle pickle pickle pickle.

I'm her mom. No, she's not.

Nekkid Miranda. She has pants on.

My psychology teacher just spent five minutes explaining how he does not menstruate.

Blame it on the a-a-a-a-a-alcohol.

I'm back. Now y'all got to deal with me.

Miguel's Monday's physics-lecture potion: 10 parts sugar, 90 parts whiskey.

I bleed purple, but right now I'm rocking the gold and black just so I can tell KU to eat it once again.

Damn kids.

To the two guys walking in the first R lot around 4 on Wednesday: These are the girls in the silver Mustang, and we think you're hot.

I wonder if there's a larger number of suicides and heart attacks in the month of March because of all the Madness.

This is ROTC guy who wears the glasses on his head: I'm not a frat boy. Get off your high horse.

I know that K-State has to have a fun, good-looking, sweet guy out there somewhere, but

where the heck are you, and why aren't you on my doorstep?

Hey, Collegian, I put a rag in Darren's pocket. April Fools!

Since we all know the weather is controlled by the bankers, I just called to say thanks for nothing, guys. It's freaking cold.

So what exactly does Ben fold?

Why is the pool water salty? Why is it salty?

Penguins have a gland above their eyes that converts salt water into fresh water.

Way to rerun an old crossword puzzle. You think we wouldn't notice? We have nothing better to do all day.

Why do people insist on walking in the middle of the street in front of the new leadership building?

We were just talking about highways and byways, and we were wondering what the hell is a byway? Does anybody know?

To the hot girl I saw on the street yesterday: You're hot.

To the guy who wants to date the girls in the silver ADPi SUV: There was a Theta and Chi O as well. How do you feel about that?

Kansas State opened Big 12 play last

weekend versus Oklahoma in baseball. And now Oklahoma is no longer part of the Big 12.

Ugg boots make good-looking women look dumb.

To the couple making out in the snow across from Haymaker Saturday: This is the car that honked at you. Next time, go somewhere more romantic and secluded.

To the really hairy guy at 1826 Fairchild: You're really sexy. Come by Tri-Delt, Tuesday, 8 o'clock.

To the girl that hit the guy in the face with the tampon: Nice hit.

The other night I had a dream about a policeman. Let's just say he lost the keys to the handcuffs, and I wasn't upset.

I went to buy a bunch of Shamwows and made a SnuggieWow. Who wants to cuddle?

Manhattan, WTF? Why is gas here \$2.05, when back home it's \$1.83?

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Church strives for better communication in community

By Mark Wampler
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints sponsored an open house Sunday at its Manhattan university branch to encourage more effective communication in the community.

The purpose of the open house was twofold, said Mike Wangsgaard, local branch president.

"First, we want to introduce people to the basic doctrines and beliefs of the Mormon faith and second, we want to link together other churches and ministries across the city in order to join hands to give back to the community," he said.

Waangsgaard said he personally invited more than 50 area ministers to the event but was disappointed that not one came. He said he was eager to talk with other pastors about several issues but mostly about the best ways to combat several rapes that have occurred in Manhattan in the past few years.

Speakers at the event talked about the role of the family, the church's involvement in global humanitarian aid and its view of Jesus Christ.

Waangsgaard spoke on the importance of the family and the place that it holds within the church, especially women. Women have always played a vital role, he said.

"This church could not move forward without [women's] gracious contributions," he said.

Thomas Coleman, Manhattan church member, said the LDS church has always been involved in meeting the needs of people worldwide.

"We believe that helping the poor and needy is important not just for them, but for us to retain remission for our sins," he said.

Coleman said the church



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

Manhattan residents Tim Rarick and Eric Zelko listen to Thomas Coleman, one of the speakers at the open house at the Manhattan university branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Sunday. Coleman talked about his experiences on his three-year mission trip to Guatemala.

is involved in several projects aimed at helping those in need, including the inoculation of millions of people in Guatemala for rubella, providing people with clean water and electricity, and sending relief teams to areas affected by Hurricane Katrina and Ike.

"The Lord has asked us to give of what [we] have spiritual-

ly and physically," he said.

Tim Rarick, Manhattan resident and K-State alumnus, spoke about the church's relationship with Jesus.

"The things [Jesus] taught are really the only pathways to happiness," Rarick said. "I can testify to this from my own experience. That is the essence of what we teach."

Wangsgaard said that the branch has open houses once or twice a year but its members encourage people to visit the church anytime.

"People are always welcome," he said.

The Manhattan university branch is for singles who are 35 years old or younger, Wangsgaard said. Members meet Sun-

days from 9 a.m. to noon at 1820 Clafin Road, while families gather at 2812 Marlatt Ave.

"Anyone can come visit anytime," said Andrea Spry, sophomore in graphic design and LDS church member. "There's lots of funny rumors about the church."

"We just want to give people a chance to come ask questions."

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TRACK

Myer earns regional qualifying mark in 200

By Justin Nutter

KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

All-Americans Scott Sellers and Loren Groves have been the faces of the K-State track and field team this season. But a different senior highlighted the Wildcats' performance at the Arizona State Invitational in Tempe, Ariz., on Saturday.

Mike Myer, a sprinter from Lenexa, Kan., captured fourth place in the men's 200-meter, finishing with a time of 21.21 seconds. Myer's strong showing earned him a regional qualifying mark in his first event of the 2009 outdoor campaign, guaranteeing him a spot in the NCAA Midwest Regional Championships in May in Norman, Okla.

Sophomore Jason Coniglio was also solid at the weekend meet, placing fourth in the men's 100 with a time of 10.77 seconds. The Rockford, Ill., native also competed in the 200, finishing in 21.78 seconds – a new personal best.

In women's competition, Denise Baker earned a top-five finish in the 100-meter hurdles. The sophomore's time of 14.77 seconds was good for fourth place. Junior Stephanie Hejde, who competed in three events at the meet, had her strongest showing in the long jump. She set a new personal best in the event while earning a 10th-place finish with a leap of 18-1/2.

Junior Alexandra Gonzalez also earned a top-10 finish, placing ninth in the pole vault with a jump of 12-1 1/2, and senior Nancy Harrington recorded a jump of 11-1 3/4 in her highest jump of the season.

The Wildcats will return to action when they travel to Eugene, Ore., for the Pepsi Invitational on Saturday.

GOLF

K-State finishes in tie for 14th

The K-State women's golf team played possibly its best round of golf of the year in the final round of the Mountain View Collegiate, as it moved from 16th to finish in a tie for 14th. The Wildcats shot a 295 on Sunday, which marks their first sub-300 round of the year, and carded a 300-314-295-909 (+45) for the tournament.

"I was really proud of how we finished the event," head coach Kristi Knight said. "The team showed guts today after a poor round yesterday afternoon."

San Jose State never let up throughout tournament play, carding a 2-over 284-287-295-866 and finishing nine strokes ahead of second-place University of Nevada-Las Vegas. Louisville was able to hold onto its third-place spot, finishing at 15-over, with a score of 292-295-292-879.

San Jose State's Erica Moston held off Cindy LaCrosse of Louisville for first-place honors in round three. Moston, who was in the middle of a three-player tie for first on day one, finished the tournament at 72-68-69-209 (-7). LaCrosse shot a 1-under in the final round and finished two strokes back from the leader. Teammates Anita Gahir and Laura Nochta of Indiana finished in a tie for third, both with scores of 3-under par.

K-State was led by junior Abbi Sunner, who had a monumental comeback in the final round. Sunner moved from a tie at 48th after the second round to finish tied for 15th and set a personal record of 67 strokes on 18 holes. Sunner's 18-hole score of 67 was the lowest since Michelle Regan shot a 67 in the fall of 2006.

"Abbi had a great day, and Elise [Houtz] was solid," Knight said. "The others had their challenges during the round, but held it together."

Houtz and Ami Storey finished tied for 57th place, and Emily Houtz and Paige Osterloo finished tied for 81st place.

K-State will resume action when it travels to Norman, Okla., to take part in the Susie Maxwell Classic Sunday and Monday.

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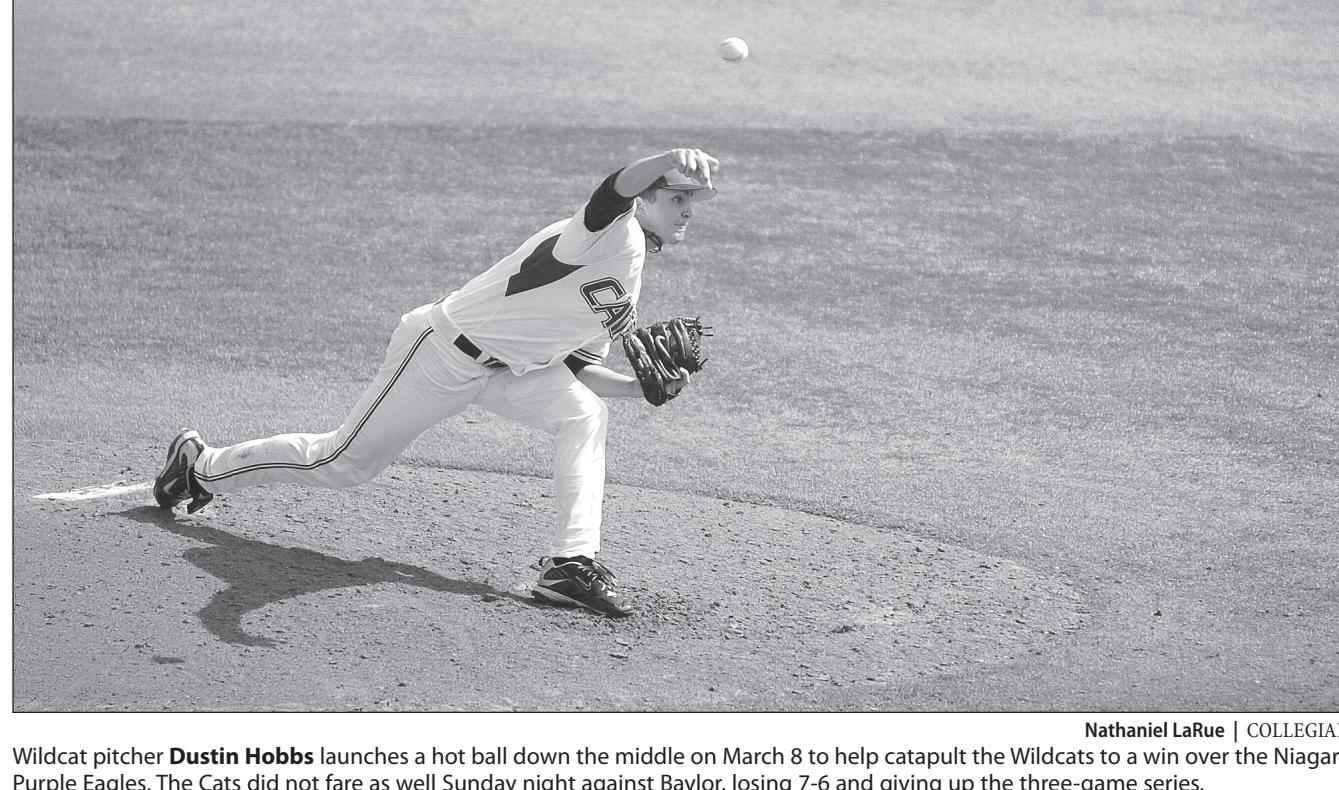
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Falling short



Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN

Wildcat pitcher **Dustin Hobbs** launches a hot ball down the middle on March 8 to help catapult the Wildcats to a win over the Niagara Purple Eagles. The Cats did not fare as well Sunday night against Baylor, losing 7-6 and giving up the three-game series.

Wildcats drop 2 in heartbreaking Waco series

Staff Report

KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A single run.

It was all the Wildcats needed to earn their first Big 12 Conference series win of the season. Yet that pivotal single run failed to find its way across home plate during two consecutive games in Waco, Texas, following a series-opening win on Friday.

After picking up their first victory in Waco since 1966 on Friday evening, the Wildcats dropped consecutive games to the Bears on Saturday and Sunday, each by a single run.

With the two losses, the Wildcats dropped to 21-7 overall and 2-4 in Big 12 play.

K-State won the first game of the series in Waco against the No. 8 Bears as it received yet another stellar performance from junior pitcher A.J. Morris. In what proved to be the best start during his tenure at K-State, Morris tossed his first career complete game striking out 10 and giving up one unearned run en route to the 7-1 Wildcat victory.

With the win, Morris improved to 7-0 on the season in seven appearances and pushed the Wildcats to 21-5 overall and an even 2-2 in Big 12 play.

Yet, following Friday's performance, the Wildcats failed to seal the series shut in their favor.

K-State did see several opportunities during the final two games. However, the Wildcat offense could not push a go-ahead run across when they needed as the Bears held off two late pushes by the Wildcats.

During Saturday evening's affair, K-State stranded seven runners on base, four of which were in scoring position. K-State's late push on Saturday came when right fielder Jordan Cruz doubled to left center field, bringing in Drew Biery, bringing the Wildcats to within one run with a score of 3-2.

However, as Aaron Miller came out of the bullpen to replace the winning pitcher Logan Verrett, K-State was unable to get any offensive attack going for the remainder of the game. Miller picked up three strikeouts and did not surrender a single hit in three innings of work to pick up his second save of the season Saturday evening.

Designated hitter Adam Muenster led the way for the Wildcats, registering three singles in the contest and three stolen bases.

During the finale on Sunday afternoon, it looked as though K-State would finally find a way to produce the clutch hit it needed.

After falling behind 7-2 in the bottom of the fifth inning, K-State began to claw back into the game one inning at a time.

Back-to-back doubles by Jason King and Biery in the sixth would begin the Wildcat comeback.

The offense continued in the seventh inning as Nic Martini would double to right center field scoring two Wildcats and tightening the Baylor lead to 7-5.

The final K-State push came in the eighth as Mike Kendel hit a sacrifice fly to center field, bringing in Biery, who reached base after being hit by a pitch to lead off the inning. At that point, the score was 7-6 in favor of Baylor.

The Wildcats could not have asked to be in a better position during their final opportunity in the ninth inning as first baseman Justin Bloxom, who is tied for the team lead for home runs with five on the season, came up to the plate with one out and Martini, the tying run, on first base.

Bloxom connected solidly with the second pitch of the at bat and sent a deep fly ball to center field.

Yet the ball was caught at the warning track, and Jason King would follow with a fly out to short center field ending the game and K-State's comeback one run short.

The Wildcats will return to action Wednesday as they travel to Omaha, Neb., to face Creighton in a rematch of the Wildcats' home opener.

First pitch is scheduled for 6 p.m.

TENNIS

Women still in search of conference victory after 2 weekend tournaments in Oklahoma



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

Natasha Vieira returns the ball during practice at the L.P. Washburn Recreational Area at Peters Recreation Complex in April 2008. Vieira and partner Mariya Slupska were the only Wildcats to defeat Oklahoma in doubles play Sunday, winning the No. 3 doubles point against the Sooners.

By Steve Berkland

KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The tennis team traveled to Oklahoma this past weekend but came up short in the search for its first conference victory of the season.

K-State (3-9, 0-5 Big 12 Conference) lost a heartbreaker by a score of 4-3 on Saturday as the team traveled to Stillwater, Okla., to play the Oklahoma State Cowgirls.

The Wildcats did not start off the match well as they lost all three doubles matches to the Cowgirls, which gave Oklahoma State the doubles point. The Wildcats did make a rally though, winning three out of the first five singles matches to tie the score at 3-3 going into the final singles match of the day.

The last singles match featured senior captain Katerina Kudlackova taking Oklahoma State's Aliya Buslaeva to the third set before falling 6-7, 6-3, 6-1.

With the Wildcats falling by a score of 4-3 for the third time in four matches, coach Steve Bietau said he was proud of the way his team played and applauded the efforts of one particular Wildcat.

"We're really seeing great progress from a number of kids," Bietau said. "Nina [Sertic] played well, and she's doing a good job of showing the way for others after being down 5-2 in the first set before coming

back and winning [the set 7-6]."

The Wildcats then traveled across the state Sunday to take on the Oklahoma Sooners, where something had to give as both squads boasted zero conference wins going into Sunday's match.

Though the match featured two teams with very similar records, the score did not reflect that as the Sooners ran away with a 6-1 victory over the Wildcats.

The Sooners won two of three matches in doubles play to win the doubles point, as the No. 3 doubles team of Mariya Slupska/Natasha Vieira were the only Wildcat tandem to win against the Sooners. The Sooners then went on to win five of six matches during singles play to win the match 6-1. The only Wildcat to win a singles match was Sertic as she defeated Oklahoma's Kristina Radan 6-3, 6-0.

Bietau said he wasn't pleased losing another conference match but did offer that his team's play was because of the way they practiced during the week.

"We didn't play as well as I wanted to play," Bietau said. "We've got to do better during the week before we can expect to do well on the weekends."

With the Wildcats still looking for their first conference victory, things won't get any easier as they are scheduled to travel to Waco, Texas, Friday to take on the Baylor Bears.

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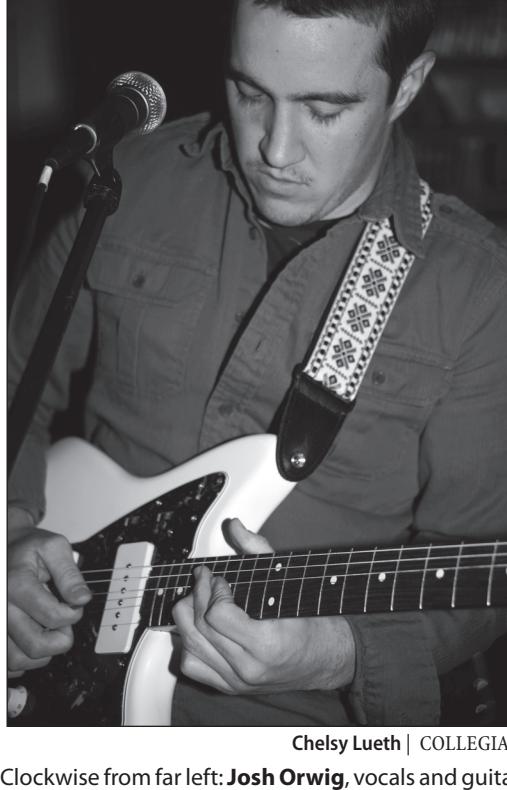
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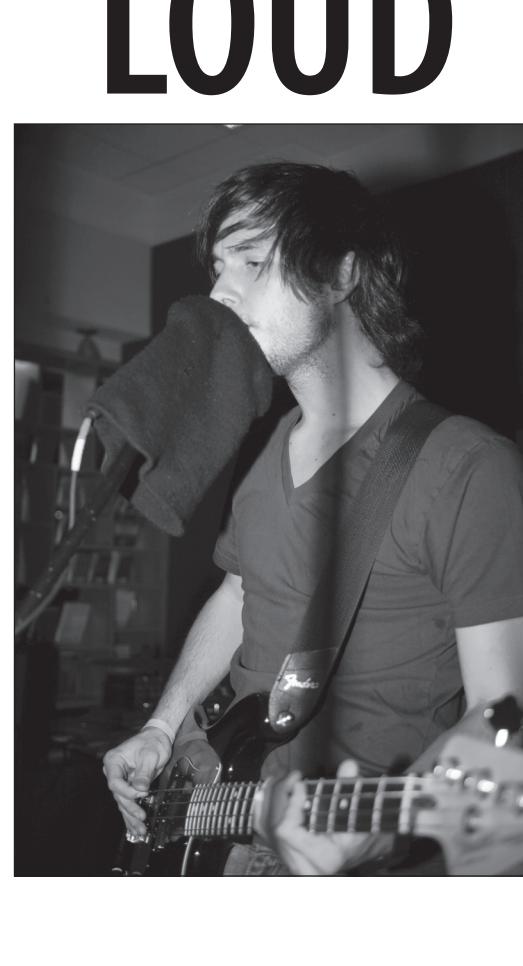
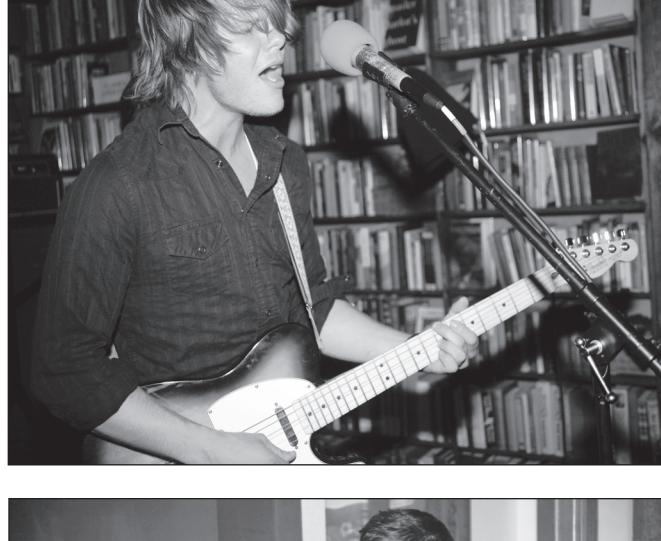
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Clockwise from far left: **Josh Orwig**, vocals and guitar; **Jeremy Chugg**, vocals and guitar; **Nick Welch**, bass and vocals; and **Dave Dalbey**, drums and vocals; perform at the Dusty Bookshelf Sunday night.

Live



McCoy fills Dusty Bookshelf with raucous sounds

By Tiffany Roney
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Dusty Bookshelf – normally quiet with its avid readers and resident cat – was loud and alive Sunday night with the sounds of local band McCoy.

More than 30 young adults showed up to hang out with friends, snap photos and rock out to local music.

The Manhattan and Kansas City-based band McCoy is composed of Jeremy Chugg and Josh Orwig on guitar, Dave Dalbey on drums and Nick Welch on bass, with all four contributing vocals. The members – all college students or recent graduates from Manhattan – have been playing together for two years.

"I like their style of music; I think it's really different than a lot of trendy bands today," said Katie Kindler, resident of Kansas City, Mo.

"I love that it kind of has a little country to it, but it definitely has an upcoming kind of independent style also. They're a really fun band to watch. They have a lot of different aspects of music that aren't really seen a lot today."

Dave Powers, junior in elementary education, described McCoy's music as "very soulful, with a

really good feel to it."

McCoy was preceded by two other bands – We are the Voices, from Kansas City, Mo., and These United States, from Washington, D.C.

The first band had an often discordant and folksy sound, while the second group had more energy and inspired some attendees to do-si-do. Finally, McCoy took the stage and rocketed the volume.

"It's really energetic when you see [McCoy]; it's powerful," said Russell Buchanan, freshman in secondary education. "Their songs have a lot of balls. It just sounds really good."

Dalbey, fifth-year student in construction science, said he was excited by his band's energy.

"Playing the drums is a good way to get out some aggression, like if I've had a stressful day," Dalbey said.

"And it's just really fun to play with the guys, since they are some of my best friends."

All four members of McCoy have played for the Ichthus worship band at K-State, and its new full-length album is titled "The Prayers that Set Us Free."

However, the band does not label itself by its members' beliefs.

"There's always people that talk about, 'Oh,

you're a Christian band or a Christian artist,' that's not how I describe it," said Chugg, senior in secondary education and English. "I am a Christian, and I'm in a band, and I play music. I write about what's important to me. Sometimes it comes through more openly; other times, it's going to come out in the way I respond to the same situations everyone else faces."

McCoy will play for the K-State Open House at 10:30 a.m. April 18 at Bosco Student Plaza. The band will also perform April 25 for the Union Program Council Spring Fest at Memorial Stadium.

As for the more distant future, Chugg said the band continues to take opportunities as they come.

"We all enjoy playing together so much, we just want to do it as long as we can possibly make it work," Chugg said. "Even if it's just a few bars every once in a while, we'd like to be involved somehow together for the rest of our lives. As far as trying to get famous or whatever, if that was to happen, that would be pretty sweet, but that's like trying to play in the NBA. We just try to make the best music we can and hope people can relate to it."

McCoy's music is available through iTunes and at www.myspace.com/mccoyband.

Boutiques offer Manhattan customers something different

By Allie Teagarden
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Big cities are not the only places to shop and find the special pieces to complete a spring wardrobe. Manhattan is home to several local boutiques, each offering a variety of apparel and accessories. Krystallo's and Zoticis Attire are two of the established stores in Aggierville, with Kieu's and Envy recently opening in the Manhattan market.

Krystallo's has been a favorite Manhattan store since the 1980s. Audrey Clowers, associate at Krystallo's, said that as a locally owned business, Krystallo's offers one-of-a-kind pieces.

"A lot of our jewelry is handmade, and our customers love that they can find something unique here," she said.

Emily Gardner, senior in apparel and textiles, agreed.

"Krystallo's always has something

unique," Gardner said, "and I especially like to shop there for jewelry."

Krystallo's associate Allana Saenger said the store has a wide variety of apparel.

"While a lot of our apparel is sold for a higher price, our clothing is unique and detailed and of very high quality," she said.

Locally owned Zoticis Attire has provided apparel and accessories for a wide range of customers in Manhattan since 2001.

"We have merchandise not only for college students but also for women up to age 40. Our full-figure-sized apparel selection also helps us serve more consumers in Manhattan," said Sara Strothman-Meyer, owner of Zoticis.

The boutique is well known for its local events, including fashion shows and student-competition partnerships with the K-State apparel and textiles program.

"Our next event is our fashion show

coming up on April 10 at the KatHouse Lounge," Strothman-Meyer said.

Kieu's, after finding success in Lawrence, opened a second location in downtown Manhattan last summer.

"We receive the same merchandise as the Lawrence store, and this includes pieces to complete a full wardrobe. We have clothes appropriate for day and night for a reasonable price," said Thao Nguyen, Kieu's manager.

Maggie Campbell, junior in apparel and textiles and Kieu's employee, said the store's shoe selection is among the best in town.

"We are known for our large assortment of shoes, and we have a lot of spring shoes and sandals right now," she said.

"We always say that girls love to be spoiled," Nguyen said, adding that she thinks shopping at Kieu's provides an excellent way to do so.

The philosophy behind the newest Manhattan boutique, Envy, is to provide the latest fashions at a reasonable price, according to store employees.

"We only receive six of each piece featured in our store, and all our merchandise comes straight from L.A., so our buyers are able to find the newest styles," said Katie Glas, Envy manager.

The Manhattan store in Aggierville is one of four Envy stores, with one in Lawrence and two in Missouri. Glas said there are some slight differences in the merchandise offered at each store to meet the demands of that particular market.

"Here in Manhattan we receive more purple merchandise, while the store in Lawrence gets more red and blue apparel," Glas said.

Each of these stores provides a personal shopping atmosphere different from any experience a chain store can offer.

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Cancer June 22 - July 22
They say animals can often sense an earthquake moments before it strikes, which explains why so many of them are smiling at you right now.



Leo July 23 - Aug. 22
A premature and rather curious birth this week will bring national attention, as well as new meaning to the idiom "all thumbs."



Virgo Aug. 23 - Sept. 22
Your coworkers are beginning to get really tired of hearing all your lame excuses. Though, to be fair, that's really your plumber's fault.



Libra Sept. 23 - Oct. 22
Looking back on it now, you see that letting Sam Peckinpah direct all of your home movies was probably a big mistake in the long run.



Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 21
Note: This week's horoscope has been classified by the CIA because of a series of national security concerns. The constellation Scorpio has already been detained.



Sagittarius Nov. 22 - Dec. 21
You've never felt comfortable with math or science, which makes complete sense, as the two disciplines molest you as a child.



Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 19
The judge will sentence you to three weeks of community service work at a nearby park, which is exactly what you were doing when the cops picked you up.



Aquarius Jan. 20 - Feb. 18
Low-Risk Mutual Funds and Tax-Exempt Municipal Bonds might seem like a safe bet. But then, picking a racehorse based solely on its name is never the way to go.



Pisces Feb. 19 - March 20
Remember: Spring is a time of renewal and rebirth. That's why you should consider barricading the door to your basement before it arrives.

LOW LIGHT



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A Manhattan water tower is illuminated by a glowing sunset near Tuttle Creek Boulevard on Saturday.

ENROLLMENT | Finances, poor study habits factors in decline

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other changes in the family's income."

The cost of tuition has risen sharply over the last 10 years across the country.

In October 2007, *GoCollege.com* reported 75 percent of students receiving some form of financial aid are finding it harder to keep up with expenses. This has led to students taking on more loans or turning to expensive private institutions to acquire loans. In 2006, a price in-

crease occurred at four-year public schools; tuition fees went up 6.6 percent to more than \$6,000 a year, according to *GoCollege.com*.

LARGER CLASSES, MORE HOMEWORK

Aside from the financial obligations of school, many students who had small classes in high school might not be prepared for large lecture halls with hundreds of students.

Bigger said students who were not frequently

challenged academically in high school often have problems developing effective study habits in college. This takes time away from doing actual homework, heightening the learning curve for first-year students.

"Especially with my profession, I know [preparation for college] could be better in high school," said Michael Place, sophomore in pre-professional secondary education.

Though Place is in his first year at K-State, he is a

sophomore by credit hours because he took several Advanced Placement classes in high school. Place said these classes gave him a definite benefit to being able to handle a college workload.

Bigger said K-State has a newly implemented program to increase freshman retention rates. The new program requires professors to fill out mid-term status reports and send them out to advisers of freshman students so poor performance can be addressed more quickly.

STORM | More than 2 feet of snow reported in Pratt area

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the families of the victims of this storm," Gov. Kathleen Sebelius said in a news release. "Many roads in our state are still treacherous, so please be careful as you travel and take extra precautions when walking or working in the current conditions."

Westar Energy said about 9,400 customers were without power as of about 10:30 p.m. Saturday. The utility company said it had restored power to more than 60,000 customers since the storm began, with some customers experiencing multiple outages.

Kansas Electric Cooperatives Inc. said five rural electric cooperatives were reporting outages to a combined 5,000 meters, which can serve multiple homes and businesses.

Kansas City Power & Light was reporting 2,300 consumers were in the dark, primarily in Anderson County.

Most of the utility problems were in south-central Kansas, where up to an eighth of an inch of ice was causing tree branches to snap and knock down power lines. Ice accumulations were from a quarter-inch to an inch across the Flint Hills and parts of southeast Kansas.

Much of the state was dealing with heavy snow and a mix of snow, sleet and freezing rain.

The National Weather Service said the heaviest snow had fallen in parts of southwest Kansas, including 28 inches in the Pratt area with six-foot snow drifts.

"There's a good swath of our area that's covered with at least a foot of snow," said Matt Girard, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Dodge City.

Heavy winds accompanying the snow diminished visibility in many communities to almost zero and forced authorities to close several local and state highways. Still, the storm was blamed for numerous accidents.

Much of central, eastern and southeastern Kansas were reporting a foot and a half or less of snow but were more concerned about the freezing rain making driving even more challenging.

The Kansas Department of Transportation said several highways were closed in southwest Kansas due to poor visibility and blowing snow, including long stretches of such major routes as U.S. 54, 56, 83, 160, 183, 283 and 400. Part of U.S. 83 south out of Garden City was reopened, as was U.S. 50 west of Dodge City.

The adjutant general's office also reported that emergency crews in Hutchinson responded to three partially collapsed buildings. Partial building collapses also were reported in Harvey, Harper and Kingman counties, but no injuries were reported.

The National Guard also opened armories in Dodge City, Great Bend, Hutchinson, Kingman, Larned, Pratt and West Wichita Saturday as warming stations.

Earlier Saturday, Sebelius signed a declaration of disaster emergency for 62 counties, allowing state resources to help local officials.

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WORLD NEWS



FARGO RESIDENTS PRAY THEY ARE SPARED RED RIVER'S WRATH AS FLOOD SUBMERGES SCHOOL CAMPUS

FARGO, N.D. — Weary residents of this sandbagged city came together in churches Sunday, counting their blessings that the Red River finally stopped rising and praying the levees would hold back its wrath. A brief levee break that swamped a school provided a warning of the kind of threat that still hangs over them.

Church services that are a staple of life on Sunday mornings in Fargo took on greater significance as people gathered after a week of round-the-clock sandbagging. They sang hymns and held hands, asking together for divine help.

"At a time like this, we need to call on God's providential assistance," said the Rev. Bob Ona, pastor of Fargo's First Assembly of God church. "All of you have been heroic in your efforts. All of you have been pushed past the wall of weariness, exhaustion and numerous frustrations in order to do the right thing — help people in the name of the Lord."

GM CEO TO STEP DOWN AT REQUEST OF OBAMA ADMINISTRATION AS PART OF RESTRUCTURING PLAN

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. Chairman and CEO Rick Wagoner will step down immediately at the request of the White House, administration officials said Sunday.

The news comes as President Barack Obama prepares to unveil additional restructuring efforts designed to save the domestic auto industry.

The officials asked not to be identified because details of the restructuring plan have not yet been made public.

On Monday, Obama is to announce plans to restructure GM and Chrysler LLC in exchange for additional government loans.

The companies have been living on \$17.4 billion in government aid and have requested \$21.6 billion more.

Wagoner, 56, joined the company in 1977, serving in several capacities in the U.S., Brazil and Europe.

He has been chairman and chief executive since May 1, 2003.

US-BACKED IRAQI TROOPS ROUND UP SUNNI FIGHTERS, QUELL UPRISING IN CENTRAL BAGHDAD

BAGHDAD — U.S.-backed Iraqi forces swept through a central Baghdad slum Sunday, disarming Sunnis from a government-aligned paramilitary group to quell a two-day uprising launched to protest the arrest of their leader.

At least four people were killed and 21 wounded in the two days of fighting between government troops and the Awakening Council in Fadil, a ramshackle warren of narrow, fetid streets on the east side of the Tigris River where al-Qaida once held sway.

Members of the Fadil council said Sunday they decided to give up the fight and hand over their weapons to spare the neighborhood, whose bullet-pocked buildings bore witness to intense combat there two years ago.

Most of the top council members fled the neighborhood as Iraqi troops searched house-to-house, according to residents who spoke on condition of anonymity because they feared for their safety.

AP IMPACT: WITH MEXICAN ARMY IN THE WAR ON DRUGS, A TEMPORARY FIX TO A LONG-TERM PROBLEM

REYNOSA, Mexico — Acting on a tip, 30 masked soldiers in combat gear busted down the door of a boarded-up house to find 55 terrified migrants, hostages of the Gulf drug cartel.

Amid screams and the smell of urine and sweat, they found a blood-spattered room and a nail-encrusted log used to beat the captives and extort money from their families: \$3,000 each. Five suspected kidnappers were hauled off, including the alleged leader — the son of a local police officer.

The Associated Press spent five days on the front line of Mexico's drug war, embedded with the army's 8th Division in Tamaulipas state, one of many organized-crime hotspots now policed by 45,000 troops nationwide. Launched by President Felipe Calderon in December 2006, the army is Mexico's last and best hope to gain control over drug cartels and spiraling violence, which have killed more than 9,000 people since then.

OBAMA: I WILL CONSULT WITH PAKISTAN BEFORE SENDING GROUND TROOPS AFTER TERRORIST HIDEOUTS

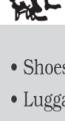
WASHINGTON — As he carries out a retooled strategy in Afghanistan, President Barack Obama said he will consult with Pakistan's leaders before pursuing terrorist hideouts in that country.

Obama said U.S. ally Pakistan needs to be more accountable, but ruled out deploying troops there. "Our plan does not change the recognition of Pakistan as a sovereign government," the president told CBS' "Face the Nation" Sunday.

The president also bemoaned the tenuous security situation in Afghanistan, saying, "Unless we get a handle on it now, we're gonna be in trouble." He made clear that his new strategy for the long war is "not going to be an open-ended commitment of infinite resources" from the United States.

"I think it's America's war, and it's the same war that we initiated after 9/11 as a consequence of those attacks," he said. "The focus over the last seven years, I think, has been lost."

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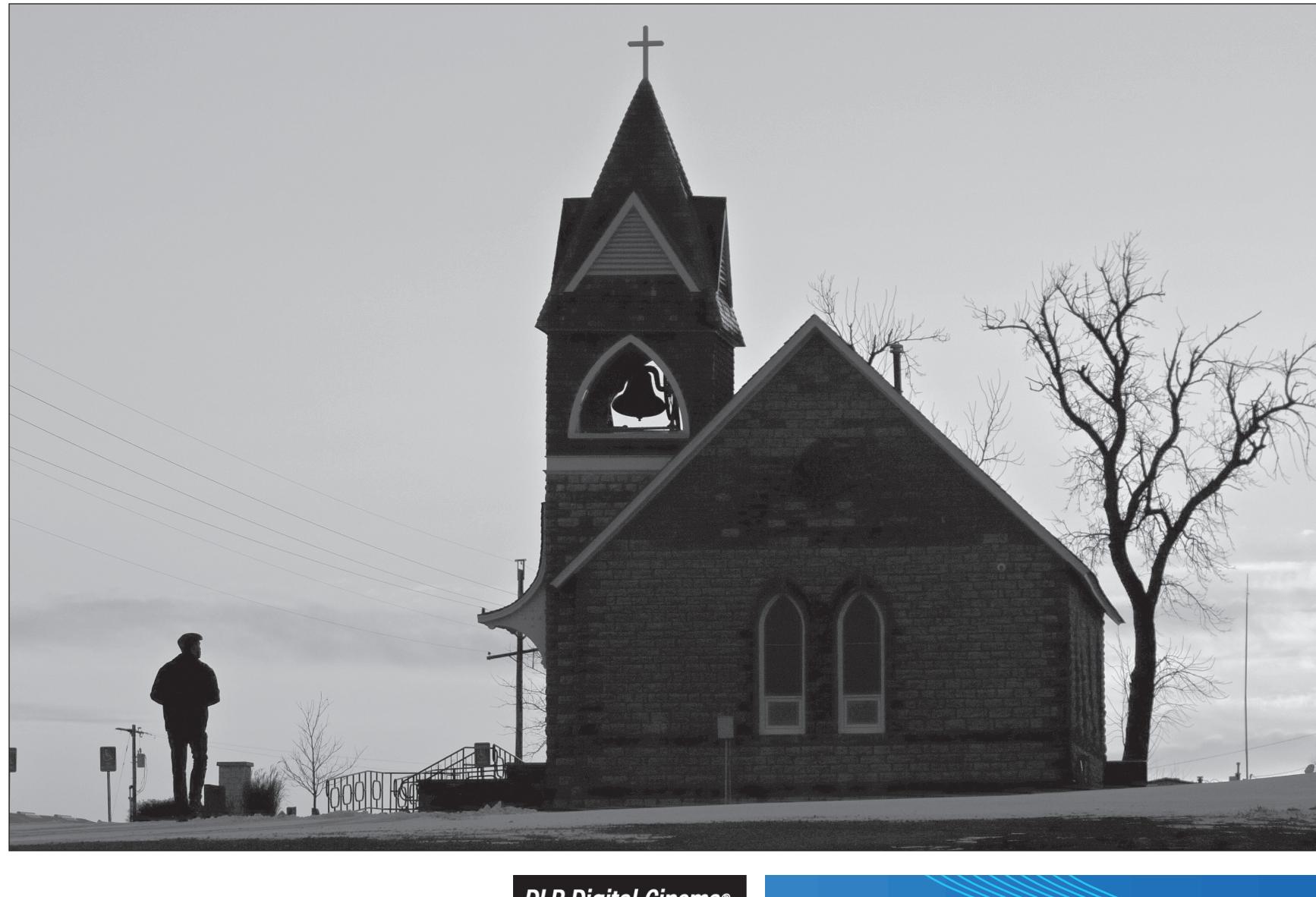
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"I can build your dream house with my bare hands," said bachelor No. 4, Dustin Bates. Bates, a triathlete who owns a construction company, was one of the crowd-pleasers. He took his shirt off but seemed a little embarrassed by the boisterous reaction from the crowd. His efforts and his abs raised \$300.

Bachelor No. 10, Geoffrey Harris, didn't seem shy at all. The 21-year-old bull rider stripped his shirt off and proceeded to ride an imaginary bull in slow motion, showing off his moves. One impressed patron bid \$300 before Dean could even open at \$100.

Bachelor No. 8, Gregg Van De Creek, is no stranger to charity, as the heavyweight champion cage fighter donated every cent of his \$1,250 in winnings to support muscu-

lar dystrophy research. Van De Creek caught the eye of so many women that Dean had to start raising the bids \$100 at a time, instead of the usual \$10.

Erin Evanson, Manhattan resident and graduate student at Washburn University, placed the winning bid of \$500, making Van De Creek the biggest draw of the night.

Though he was used to being in front of crowds wearing revealing shorts, Van De Creek said being on an auction block was a very different experience.

"It was really weird," he said. "I felt like a piece of meat."

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Sorority starts program to improve body image

By Elise Podhajsky
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Delta Delta Delta sorority has begun implementing the first research-based eating disorder prevention program among its members this semester.

With continued hard work, Tri-Delt members hope to soon offer the program campus-wide, said Alisha Lyon, sophomore in hotel and restaurant management and Tri-Delt member.

The program is called Reflections and is a peer-led intervention initiative aimed to help women improve their perceptions of body image and question the "thin ideal."

"Eating disorders are so prevalent on college campuses, especially in greek communities," said Lyon, who is a certified trainer in the program. "[Reflections] is something that really needed to happen because ... it's an eating disorder prevention program, but it also serves as a way for our women to become more comfortable with themselves."

Lyon said the program was started a few years ago by Carolyn Becker, a Tri-Delt member at Trinity University.

Becker began researching eating disorders in relation to cognitive dissonance – anxiety that results from simultaneously holding contradictory or otherwise incompatible attitudes, beliefs or ideas – and the program was soon created.

Lyon, who was trained by Becker last November, said Reflections since has

been implemented on 22 college campuses across the U.S.

During the training process, Lyon said participating women are asked a series of questions about the desire to be thin.

Lexi Schaible, sophomore in hotel and restaurant management, said women are asked how they perceived the thin ideal, which she said is dictated by the mass media.

"It's kind of like what the media tells us we're supposed to look like, whether it's being a certain weight or having your hair a certain way or even things down to having your fingernails painted," she said. "It's really easy to get caught up in what you think you're supposed to look like. I definitely think [Reflections] helped all of us realize a little better that there isn't some specific way we're supposed to look, like the media says."

Kathryn Brown, K-State psychology intern, said the media intensely increase people's drive to be thin. She said college-aged women, as well as men, are constantly put into situations on campuses where they are figuring out "what it means to be a man or woman in this world." The conclusion to this question, she said, can become skewed by the media and result in eating disorders.

"Oftentimes, these behaviors start in high school and become exacerbated in college without any supervision," she said.

Jessica Busey, who also is certified in the program,

said she thinks women beginning their college careers are especially vulnerable to eating disorders.

"There's a lot of need for acceptance and need to be wanted when they are not in their comfort zones of mom and dad anymore," she said. "With all that, girls can become very self-conscious, and a lot of times, they look to the media for guidance."

Busey, freshman in apparel and textile design, said eating problems often occur because of the many magazines, TV shows and music lyrics that tell women if they are thin and pretty, they will be accepted – something she said is completely false.

"You need to be focusing on yourself, not letting others perceive your ideal person," she said.

Lyon said though the program has only been offered to Tri-Delt members thus far, she has already seen an improvement in her fellow members' attitudes and hopes to soon offer Reflections to anyone on campus through Lafene Health Center and Counseling Services.

"We've seen changes in our members already with less 'fat talk' and pictures of ideal women that they were looking up to coming down from walls," she said. "Just the overall morale of the house has really gone up because of this program."

"The ultimate goal will be to spread this program to as many women on our campus as we possibly can ... We just want to help as much as we can, because it's something we're really passionate about."

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Bunnel becomes 31st K-State student to be named Truman Scholar

By Gloria Funcheon
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Dena Bunnel found out she was K-State's 31st Truman Scholar Tuesday morning while walking to her African Politics class.



Bunnel

Bunnel, senior in political science and agricultural communications and journalism, said it was just 15 minutes before class when she received the call from Jim Hohenbary, assistant dean for nationally competitive scholarships.

"I thought he was joking at first, but I realized he wouldn't do that," Bunnel said. "I checked my phone to make sure he actually called."

Bunnel said the phone call was quite a shock, and it changed the dynamic of the

whole week for her.

"I didn't say anything for a good 15 seconds," she said. "It was a surreal experience, and I was speechless."

Bunnel said winning the scholarship presents many opportunities.

"This will help me achieve the level of education necessary to reach my goals," she said.

Bunnel is one of 60 Truman Scholars selected from universities across the nation. Scholars receive priority admission to graduate school, \$30,000 to fund their studies and significant recognition for their achievements.

Bunnel said her top graduate school choices are Cornell University and Michigan State University, where she is interested in studying international agricultural development.

She said she plans to pursue a career developing extension services in Kenya for further agricultural development.

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